

Old Faithful Inn

Built during the winter of 1903-04, the **Old Faithful Inn** was designed by Robert C. Reamer, who wanted the asymmetry of the building to reflect the chaos of nature.

The **Old Faithful Inn** is one of the few remaining log hotels in the United States. It is a masterpiece of rustic architecture in its stylized design and fine craftsmanship. Its influence on American architecture, particularly park architecture, was immeasurable. The building is a rustic log and wood-frame structure with gigantic proportions: nearly 700 feet in length and seven stories high.

The lobby of the hotel features a 65-foot ceiling, a massive rhyolite fireplace, and railings made of contorted lodgepole pine. Its incredibly large space can be experienced on many different levels and from many different vantage points. The visitor can stand in the middle of the lobby and look up at the exposed structure, or climb up a gnarled log staircase to one of the balconies and look up, down, or across. Wings were added to the hotel in 1915 and 1927, and today there are 327 rooms available to guests in this National Historic Landmark.

History from: <http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/holdfaith.htm>

Box D-9

1931-1971 Reports on betterment of Grand Loop Road; plans and correspondence relating to obliteration of old roads; bituminous surfacing of West Thumb development area; final reports on construction of parking areas, Grand Loop Road construction, and parking areas; surveys for relocation of portions of Grand Loop Road. PHOTOS, plans, costs. Places include **Old Faithful**, Bear Feeding Grounds, West Thumb, Norris, Madison, Minute Geyser, Obsidian Cliff. People include C.F. Capes.

File 1: 1971--signs, flags, and pennants; memorandum concerning road signage at **Old Faithful**.

Box H-23

Untitled file

Memoes and correspondence. Topics include: request for interview of Del Jenkins, former stagecoach driver, 1973; photograph of cabin built by Buffalo Jones, from unknown newspaper article, n.d.; biographical information on Samuel T. Woodring, former YNP ranger and first superintendent of Grand Teton N.M., 1973; loan of professional archivist Dick Russell to assist in organizing early YNP records, 1975; letter from Aubrey Haines suggesting restoration of name "Nez Perce Ford" to replace "Buffalo Ford," 1974; fragment of memo describing deterioration of roof on Old Administrative Building, 1975; request for information on 1915 Army uniforms, 1974; clothing used in mountain man interpretation, 1974; compliance with National Historic Preservation Act

and removal of West Thumb Ranger Station, 1974; National Register nomination form for **Old Faithful Inn**, 1973 ...

Box H-24

File "H30 Historic Sites & Structures Management and Preservation 1979"

Memoes and correspondence regarding: fire stairs at Lake Hotel and **Old Faithful Inn**; water systems at Bechler ranger station and Lamar ranger station, and possible archaeological sites; request to prepare Historic Structure Reports for Lake Lodge, Lake Hotel, Roosevelt Lodge, and Fishing Bridge; request to review nomination of Fort Yellowstone - Mammoth Hot Springs as a National Historic District; comment on various archaeological sites; request to build temporary lumber shed at Mammoth; "Draft Task Directive, Package No. 620," on rehabilitation of **Old Faithful Inn**; plans to construct new doors in Administration Building; "Historic Structure Report, Historical Data Section, **Old Faithful Inn**," by A. Berle Clemensen; receipt of two postcards showing **Old Faithful Inn** in 1909; "Draft Task Directive, Package No. 620."

File "H30 Historic Sites & Structures Management and Preservation 1980"

Memoes and correspondence regarding: "Inspection Report: Madison Junction Trailside Museum;" "Inspection Report: Fishing Bridge Museum;" removal of cafeteria and dormitory complex at **Old Faithful**; installation of fire stairs at Lake Hotel and **Old Faithful Inn**; improvements to water system at Lamar ranger station; reshingling roof on **Old Faithful Inn**; general discussion of historic preservation and compliance with National Historic Preservation Act...

Box H-28

"H3015-Archeological and Historical Structures, 1973." [Yellowstone Chapel, **Old Faithful Inn**]

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Superintendent's Annual Reports (Some are digitized at http://www.nps.gov/history/history/park_histories/index.htm#yell.)

Map References:

Old Faithful Inn "Old House" Renovation	3/13/2002	A&E Architects	Project # 01006.	
Old Faithful Inn West Wing and Hamilton Store, Walkway and AVA Access, 95% Review	9/19/2000	James R McDonald Architects	Job number 9614.	
Old Faithful Inn West Wing and Hamilton Store, Walkway and AVA Access	1/16/2000	A&E Architects, Thomas, Dean & Hoskins Inc.	101/70696	
Blueprints of Old Faithful Inn, Laundry and Engine Room, First Floor Laundry and Basement	10/23/1947	Grinnell Company of the Pacific		
Blueprints of Old Faithful Inn, Laundry and Engine Room, First Floor Laundry and Basement	10/23/1947	Grinnell Company of the Pacific		
Laundry Building Remodel, Old Faithful Inn Area	September 1996	James R. McDonald Architects	Job # 9609 - Marked as "preliminary" and for review only	
Girls' Dormitory Old Faithful Inn	1922	Robert Reamer	Very poor copy of a blueprint. Includes notes.	YELL 101 70052
Proposed Dry Cleaning Building, Old Faithful Inn	[n.d.]	n/a	Drawing is irregular and missing southwest quadrant.	YELL 101 8277
Old Faithful Inn, Yellowstone Park, Plan of Bedrooms (typical floor plan)	November 1919	C.H. Kirk	Blueprints.	YELL 101 41333 and YELL 101 41335
Old Faithful Inn, Yellowstone Park, Plan of Bedrooms	November 1919	C.H. Kirk	Blueprints, some handwritten annotations in red pencil.	YELL 101 41333 and YELL 101 41335
Addition to Old Faithful Inn	4/8/1927	Robert Reamer	Blueprints, some significant tears and fading.	
Addition to Old Faithful Inn	4/8/1927	Robert Reamer	Blueprints.	YELL 101 5576 and YELL 101 5576A

Addition to Old Faithful Inn, Yellowstone Park	May 1927	Robert Reamer	Blueprints - two copies of basement, three copies of first floor, and one copy each of the second and third floor plans.	YELL 101 5576 and YELL 101 5576A
Addition to Old Faithful Inn, Yellowstone Park, Footing Plan	May 1927	Robert Reamer		YELL 101 5576 and YELL 101 5576A
Scale Plan of Porch and Main Stores, Old Faithful Inn	6/21/1927	Robert Reamer	Sheet #R1, includes a note that says "See sheet #8 for dimensions."	
Scale Detail of Stair at End of Wing, Old Faithful Inn	June 1927	Robert Reamer	Sheet #R2	
Addition to Dining Room, Old Faithful Inn	August 1927	Robert Reamer	Sheets in very poor condition, tearing at fold lines. Blueprints with pencil notations. Sheets 1 and 3, missing sheet 2.	
Addition to Old Faithful Inn, Yellowstone Park Hotel Company	June 1927	Robert Reamer	Some documents are blueprints. Signed copies, some with notes, duplicates on blueprints, which have separate notes.	
Addition to Old Faithful Inn	[n.d.]	Robert Reamer	Sheets are in very poor condition, including but not limited to tears, dirt, tape, etc.	
Alteration Lobby Old Faithful Inn	9/7/1927	Robert Reamer	Blueprint, includes red pencil notes.	
Alterations Old Faithful Inn	9/20/1927	Fred F. Willson	Blueprint in poor condition - edges very torn and frayed. 101/61079 and serial number 2760.	YELL 101 61079
Elevations of News Stand, Old Faithful Inn	9/30/1927	Robert Reamer	Blueprint is very faded.	
Elevation, News Stand, Old Faithful Inn	March 1928	Robert Reamer	Blueprint.	
Full Size Details Back Bar Cases News Stand Old Faithful Inn	4/2/1928	Robert Reamer	Blueprint.	

Addition to Kitchen, Old Faithful Inn	8/17/1929	Fred F. Willson	Sheet 3, missing sheets 1 and 2. Serial #2940-BZ.	YELL 101 5575 and YELL 101 954
Refreshment Room, Old Faithful Inn	8/24/1934	Robert Reamer	There is also an early draft present of the first page. Blueprints.	YELL 101 42996
Refreshment Room, Old Faithful Inn	1935	Robert Reamer	Two extra complete sets of revisions, but neither include sheet 4. Blueprints.	YELL 101 9093
New East Wing, Old Faithful Inn	1947	Grinnell Company of the Pacific	Blueprints.	
New West Wing, Old Faithful Inn	1947	Grinnell Company of the Pacific	Blueprints. Duplicate of page 5 only. Edges of sheets are in poor condition and frayed.	
West Wing	1947-1948	Grinnell Company of the Pacific	Blueprints. Some pencil marks.	
Dining Room and Kitchen Wing, Old Faithful Inn	2/9/1948	Grinnell Company of the Pacific	Blueprints. Says "Batch number 3".	
West and East Wings, Lobby, Old Faithful Inn	2/20/1948	Grinnell Company of the Pacific	Blueprints. Says "Batch number 4".	
Addition to Old Faithful Inn	1927, 1948	Robert Reamer	Original map made in 1927, with "Fire Protection Measures" notes added 1948.	YELL 101 5576
Old Faithful Inn Details	June 1927, 1948	Robert Reamer	Original map made in 1927, with "Fire Protection Measures" notes added 1948.	YELL 101 5576
Floor Plans, Old Faithful Inn	1948	n/a	Original map made in 1927, with "Fire Protection Measures" notes added 1948.	YELL 101 5576
[Untitled Drawing of Old Faithful Inn Porch]	[n.d.]	n/a	n/a	

Preliminary, Coctail Lounge for Old Faithful Inn	10/8/1958	n/a	Includes attached note with cost estimates. Job number 57-156-J. Orginal and a copy.	YELL 101 61040
New Relights, Old Faithful Inn	7/10/1962	Orr Pickering and Associates	n/a	
Bathrooms for Old Faithful Inn, West Wings	3/8/1963	Orr Pickering and Associates	Job number 63-225.	YELL 101 8844 and YELL 101 8844A
LP (Liquid Petroleum) Gas Installations, Bake Shop, Relocation	3/14/1963	John H King	n/a	YELL 101 8846A
Remodeling Old Faithful Gift Shop	9/10/1966	J McCord	Includes annotated copy of first page.	
Old Faithful Inn Dining Room Buffet, Preliminary	1/5/1968	Johnson Graham and Associates	n/a	YELL 101 8923
Bear Pit, Yellowstone Park	9/22/1961	Palm Brothers Inc.	61151	
Rehabilitation of Old Faithful Inn Kitchen	6/8/1981	Harkins, Call and Associates	Missing 45th page. 101/41155	
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Rehabilitation of Old Faithful Inn Kitchen, As Constructed	6/8/1981	Harkins, Call and Associates	Changes marked in red pen. Set of 63, split amongst multiple drawers and folders. 101/41155-A	
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[Blueprints for renovations on the Old Faithful Inn]	June, 1982	CTA Architects and Engineers	Sheets 1-22, 101/25009A	
[Blueprints for renovations on the Old Faithful Inn]	June, 1982	CTA Architects and Engineers	Sheets 23-51, 101/25009A	

Proposed Addition to Old Faithful Inn	[n.d.]	Robert Reamer	n/a	YELL 101 60983
Addition to the Old Faithful Inn	[n.d.]	HLG?	11-B-30	
[Untitled drawing of unspecified interior]	1984	E. Cochere	n/a	
Lobby and gift shop plan	10/1984	Drawn by Pace	Says sheet 2 of 25 but is alone. Includes preliminary draft, 101/25010	YELL 101 41375
Gift shop pictures	10/1984	Drawn by Newman	Says sheet 6 of 25, probably related to above, 101/25010	YELL 101 41376
Typical Floor Plan - Three story addition to Old Faithful Inn	[n.d.]	HLG?	Includes notations. Post it note with possible NPS drawing number. 101/5576, says sheet 3 of 5, 11-B-26	
Section through wall showing venting unit and duct assembly, Old Faithful Inn, Bear Pit ventilation	[n.d.]	n/a	Handsome	YELL 101 61121
Existing gift shop fixturing plan	[n.d.]	n/a	n/a	
Addition to Old Faithful Inn for Yellowstone Park Hotel Company	[n.d.]	Robert C. Reamer	n/a	
Proposed addition to Old Faithful Inn	[n.d.]	Robert C. Reamer	One appears to be a final draft and one a working draft	YELL 101 60983
First floor plan, Old Faithful Inn	[n.d.]	YPHC	The copies are heavily annotated and cut up into pieces	
Second floor plan, Old Faithful Inn	[n.d.]	YPHC	The copies are heavily annotated and cut up into pieces	
Old Faithful, East Wing, Third floor	[n.d.]	YPHC	Appears to be part of the sequence on the others, chopped up	
LP Gas installation, Bear Pit snack shop, Old Faithful Inn	[n.d.]	Construction/Engineering department, Yellowstone Park Company	Irregular	YELL 101 8832

Liquified Petroleum Gas Installations, Old Faithful Inn, Wheel House	8/29/1958	Propane Company of Gardiner, for Yellowstone Park Company	"11E-29" written in lower right corner.	YELL 101 8607
Old Faithful Inn	6/23/1947	Grinnell Company of the Pacific	Contract Number 26-FP-519.	
Layout Plan for Automatic Sprinkler System, Old Faithful Inn	6/23/1948	JL Egger and FR Egger for Yellowstone Park Company	Original Pencil drawing on translucent paper. Minor tears.	YELL 101 8084A
Liquified Petroleum Gas Installations, Old Faithful Inn, Engineer's Bunk Houses	3/9/1957	Engineering Dept, Yellowstone Park Company	"11-E-31" written in lower right corner.	
[Untitled Drawings of Old Faithful Inn]	[n.d.]	Fred F. Willson	Blueprints are faded and slightly torn.	
Asbestos Abatement and Sprinkler Systems for Hotels and Dormitories at Mammoth, Lake, Old Faithful, Canyon, OLD FAITHFUL INN	1986	CTA Architects and Engineers	Sheets 61-69, 101/41,242A	YELL 101 D976
Asbestos Abatement and Sprinkler Systems for Hotels and Dormitories at Mammoth, Lake, Old Faithful, Canyon, OLD FAITHFUL INN	1986	CTA Architects and Engineers	Sheets 70-89, 101/41,242A	YELL 101 D976
Asbestos Abatement and Sprinkler Systems for Hotels and Dormitories at Mammoth, Lake, Old Faithful, Canyon, OLD FAITHFUL INN	1986	CTA Architects and Engineers	Sheets 90-109, 101/41,242A	YELL 101 D976
Asbestos Abatement and Sprinkler Systems for Hotels and Dormitories at Mammoth, Lake, Old Faithful, Canyon, OLD FAITHFUL INN	1986	CTA Architects and Engineers	Sheets 110-129, 101/41,242A	YELL 101 D976
Asbestos Abatement and Sprinkler Systems for Hotels and Dormitories at Mammoth, Lake, Old Faithful, Canyon, OLD FAITHFUL INN	1986	CTA Architects and Engineers	Sheets 130-148, 101/41,242A	YELL 101 D976

Land Assignments- Concession, Old Faithful	March 1, 1961,	prepared by J.T. Stewart	Shows Old Faithful Inn and Lodge sheet 9 of 18 - G	
Addition to Dining Room, Old Faithful Inn, Yellowstone National Park, Wyo.	Aug. 1927	R.C. Reamer	Blueprint, torn and folded Notes in pencil on reverse	
Old Faithful Inn	2001		Scale 1/4" = 1.0". laminated floor plans for four floors of Inn which have guest rooms with accompanying memo dated July 13, 2003	
Old Faithful Inn renovation, June 12, 1983, with note from Andy Beck to Tim Manns.	June and July, 1983	Jeffery T. Brown	line drawings, 3 dealing with new log stairway in kitchen wing, 4 of typ. sill replacement. memo dated 17 January 1984 or 1989 from Andy Beck to Tim Manns.	
[Blueprints of hotels]	early 1900s?		8 scale drawings, called outline plans, numbered 1-8 and attached together, all on navy blue, all tattered, no dates but old (Inn at Old Faithful has no wings, includes Fountain Hotel): Mammoth Hotel, Cottage Hotel, Norris Hotel, Fountain Hotel, Old Faithful Inn, Thumb Lunch Station, Lake Hotel, Canon Hotel	
Utility Area, Old Faithful Inn, Yellowstone National Park, Owned and Operated by Yellowstone Park Company	1940	[n.d.]	Shows sewer lines, wood yard, open air theater, Bus Compound, Drivers' Bunk House, Mess Hall, Ranger Station, and other buildings SE of Old Faithful Inn	
"Location of Fire Hydrants, Hose Boxs and Stand Pipes Near Old Faithful Inn"	[n.d.]	Robert N. Perkins, Jr.	A blue, red & black drawing, condition - fair.	